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[1](#)1. (SBU) Post delivered diplomatic notes to the Governments of Sri Lanka and the Maldives on April 16 informing them of the candidacy of the United States for election to the United Nations Human Rights Council for the term 2009-2012, as well as a copy of the United States Human Rights Commitments and Pledges. Ambassador previously conveyed reftel points concerning the U.S. candidacy for the UN Human Rights Council to Sri Lankan Foreign Secretary Palitha Kohona. DCM contacted Maldivian Foreign Minister Ahmed Shaheed (ref C).

[1](#)2. (U) Post notes that Maldives has also announced its candidacy for election to the UNHRC for the term 2009-2012. Foreign Minister Shaheed travelled to Geneva on Thursday April 9 and, during a meeting with UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Navi Pillay, announced the Maldives' candidacy for election to the UNHRC.  
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